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## NINE HUNDRED MUTINEERS CREMATED

### Building in Which They Were Confined Reported to Have Been Set on Fire by Cossacks.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from Vladivostok to the American says that the mutiny and rioting in the Manchurian army is extending, and the most terrible scenes are witnessed daily.

A detachment of Cossacks has attacked the barracks at Tomak, where in 900 mutineers were confined and set fire to the buildings. It is reported that all the imprisoned men were roasted to death.

Rioting on the streets here is continued. In one street drunken Cossacks set fire to a block of houses, and massacred 120 of the residents as they attempted to escape.

Numbers of people are killed daily in the streets.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The first gun in the battle which may decide the fate of Premier Witte's experiment with moderate constitutionalism and introduce either reaction or a complete revolution, were fired yesterday at Moscow where the general strike was successfully inaugurated.

The leaders of the government of the proletariat last night were making their preparations for a general engagement which will be on at noon today. The workers' council has been sitting continuously since 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon receiving reports and issuing final orders.

The leaders profess to be greatly encouraged at the news from Moscow and the reports from district meetings which were held in all sections of St. Petersburg yesterday declaring that now there is no question that the tie-up will be complete.

They admit that many of the St. Petersburg workers, especially the married men, would prefer to continue at work, but they are counting on the great majority favoring the strike to swing the balance into line and produce a paralysis of industry even more complete than during the strike of January last. If their expectations are realized St. Petersburg to-day will be isolated from the rest of the world with railway traffic stopped and telegraph wires and cables cut.

The workers' council last night issued a stirring proclamation declaring that the government had cast to the winds the principles of the imperial manifesto of October 30th and was basing itself on reaction, trickery and deceit. The proclamation ended with the following:

Summons to join in a general strike and not to cease the struggle until the demands for a constituent assembly, universal suffrage and release of the arrested leaders of the proletariat, land for the peasantry, etc., are granted.

The editors of the radical papers are determined to print the manifesto this morning.

THE MURDER OF AMERICANS.  
Four Men Attempted to Escape From Bandits, But Were Shot Down and Robbed.

(Associated Press.)  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Details received to-day of the murder near Diaz Chihuahua, Mexico, of Robert Rutherford and M. S. Murray, of Philadelphia, and the wounding of H. L. Finstad, of Los Angeles, and another man show that the Americans were returning from Diaz to Rutherford's ranch when they were beset by bandits and commanded to give up their valuables. They attempted to escape, but seeing flight useless, gave battle. The bandits, outnumbering the Americans several times, closed in and mercilessly shot them down, taking their valuables and escaping.

Mexican officers are on the trail, but the bandits have evidently escaped in the rough surrounding country.

The bodies of Rutherford and Murray are expected to reach El Paso soon.

HUNGARIAN CABINET.  
Emperor-King Declines to Accept Resignation of the February Ministry.

(Associated Press.)  
Budapest, Dec. 21.—The Emperor-King has decided that in view of the existing political circumstances he cannot accept the resignation of the February cabinet tendered yesterday.

RECORD ATTENDANCE.  
Gate Receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien Fight Were \$16,402.

(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The gate receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight last night were \$16,402. Of this sum sixty per cent. went to the fighters, the sixty per cent. and the loser getting 25 per cent. It was the largest crowd that has ever attended any fight in San Francisco.

## CARNEGIE'S GENEROSITY. Gives \$5,000,000 More to Fund to Provide Relief for Needy Teachers and Professors.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—It was announced from Boston yesterday, says the Herald, that the Carnegie foundation, a sum of \$5,000,000 given by Andrew Carnegie to provide relief for needy teachers and professors in universities, colleges and technical schools in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, is to be forthwith increased by the addition of \$5,000,000. At the same time the restrictions which prohibited aid from being extended to members of the faculties of sectarian and state aided institutions are to be removed, the statement declares.

Mr. Carnegie when asked concerning the matter last night, sent word that he did not care to discuss the subject.

It is further declared that Mr. Carnegie has announced his willingness to aid still another large sum to the foundation should the managers deem such a move essential to its success.

## TWO MEN SUFFOCATED. Killed By Gas Which Escaped From a Kitchen Stove.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—A leak in a kitchen gas stove caused the death of Wm. N. Busch and Oscar Bochrer last night, and so overcome Miss Christina Busch that she is expected to die.

The gas penetrated from the kitchen into the bedroom, where the two men slept, but did not fill Miss Busch's room, which is further away from the kitchen, as it did the nearer room.

Miss Busch and her brother kept a grocery store in West 34th street, near their apartments, and Bochrer was employed by them as a clerk.

## WANT TAHITI. States Reported to Have Offered France Four Million Dollars For Island.

(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti yesterday, brought the news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.

## MARQUIS ITO'S TASK IN KOREA. INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE STATESMAN.

Great Reforms Cannot be Suddenly Introduced—Will do His Best For Koreans.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Tokyo sends an interview with the Marquis Ito, who said it was his sincere desire to maintain the dignity of the imperial household of Korea, and to promote the happiness of the Korean people.

"I am going to personally face the task of seeing that the provisions of the new treaty are faithfully carried out," said the Marquis. "We cannot suddenly institute great reforms and must wait for national progress and development. Centuries of neglect have rendered the education of the people very imperfect and difficult of reform. Rapid and drastic measures would only increase the Korean misunderstanding of Japanese motives. It would be easy to subjugate and awe the Koreans, but if we desire to protect the lasting happiness of Korea we must not force her against her will. On the contrary, we must cultivate the closest friendship and so foster a wish for voluntary compliance with our desires."

"Henceforth I will be an advisor of Korea and will do my utmost to assist her."

## FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. Sentence on Former M. P. For Inciting Hired Agents to Murder.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 21.—The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended to-day with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

## FORTUNATE BABY. Senator Clark Will Give His Granddaughter One Million Dollars.

(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—A grand-daughter to Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, was born yesterday at Santa Mateo, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark the mother having been Miss Celia Tobin of this city. When informed of the birth of the baby Senator Clark announced that he would give the little girl \$1,000,000, following the example set by himself at the birth of his first grandchild.

## BANK OF ENGLAND RATE. London, Dec. 21.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 4 per cent.

## CONCLUSION OF THE WATER CASE. JUDGMENT RESERVED BY MR. JUSTICE DUFF.

Argument Was Finished This Forenoon in Application For an Injunction at Goldstream.

The hearing of the Goldstream water case, in which an injunction is sought by the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to restrain the Victoria Power Company from getting a record of water, was completed this morning. Yesterday afternoon the court sat only for a short time, A. P. Luxton, K. C., for the plaintiff company, beginning his address.

Upon resuming the argument this morning it was agreed that the counsel for the plaintiff company should not be required to go into the points or cite the authorities which had been taken up in the previous case against the city. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., said he had full notes of that argument, and would not repeat the same ground to be gone over with.

Mr. Luxton held that the Esquimalt Company had a right to the flow of all the water from the Goldstream watershed. Although the company might not have actually taken the water, yet no one else could go in and take this water. It was contended, he said, that there was no residuum vested in the crown.

His Lordship wanted to know what Mr. Luxton would say if the court held that this water was now brought under control by the Esquimalt company were open to record.

Mr. Luxton contended that the water though not under control was yet open to the company to take. It was recognized in law that the rights given under an act of the legislature should not be interfered with by a later act, unless it was specifically stated that it was to be affected. The language of the Water Clauses Act did not clearly do this.

Mr. Luxton held further that if it were shown that under existing acts there was no water open to record for the defendant company, then the plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction, as they were trespassers in going on the land to take water.

The Water Clauses Act, he contended, made no provision for a power company acquiring a record in such an instance. Only owners of land were entitled to secure a record.

The defendant company applying for water at Shawigan had exhausted its rights and could not apply for water also at Goldstream. He admitted that there might be a variation made by the Lieut. Governor in council as to the "undertaking," but it could not be held that a new undertaking could be allowed, as was the case in this instance. The company was bound by its application for incorporation and the certificate issued. This was for an "undertaking" of which this Goldstream proposition could not be construed as forming any part, but referred alone to the utilization of water from Shawigan lake.

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## THE SHANGHAI SITUATION. Volunteer Guard Prepared to Deal With Any Outbreak Which May Occur in City.

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 21.—Touching the possibility of such an uprising in Shanghai on the part of the natives as would endanger foreign lives and property, an official who has seen long service in China pointed out to-day that gunboats of considerable size can ascend the river as far as Shanghai and moor safely alongside the famous Bund or open promenade that stretches along the harbor's edge, abutting on which are the foreign settlements. The gunboats could sweep the entire city with their guns or land numerous crews of sailors and marines at a moment's notice. But the foreign settlements contain an important internal resource in the shape of a well-organized volunteer guard, about which little is known outside of China. Nearly 40 years ago the foreign residents, then very few in number compared with those now living there, organized this force. The best men in the community enrolled themselves in the volunteer organization. The British were the most numerous, with Americans a close second, and these two nationalities have uniformly acted together in all matters of defence. The British government has armed this force. It is made up of young men of athletic training, used to cross country riding and to field sports, making an ideal volunteer organization. The companies elect their own officers but the entire force is every year carefully inspected by a British regular army officer of high rank.

As part of the system of training the guard has become an organization capable of withstanding a prolonged siege and of effective police duty in time of riot.

French Cruiser Sent.  
Paris, Dec. 21.—A cruiser detached from the French squadron at Saigon, French Indo-China, is now proceeding to Shanghai. The officials here say this is a measure of precaution as no French interests have yet been molested.

An official dispatch from Peking this afternoon says that an imperial edict just issued following energetic representations on the part of the foreign ministers, promises to terminate the trouble at Shanghai.

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## ANOTHER WITNESS GIVES EVIDENCE

TESTIMONY OF MANUAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

At Drawing Book Inquiry—Cross-Examination of David Blair Completed by R. T. Elliott.

The completion of the cross-examination of David Blair, the Normal school drawing master, by R. T. Elliott, counsel for Miss Cameron, and the opening of the examination of H. H. Dummel, superintendent of Manual Training schools in British Columbia, were features of the proceedings of yesterday afternoon's session of the commission inquiring into the South Park school drawing trouble. Only a small part of the latter's evidence was taken before an adjournment became necessary. Mr. Dummel was on the stand again this morning giving expert testimony on the drawing of those pupils the bona fides of whose work is questioned.

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## THE MARKING OF ALASKAN BOUNDARY. MINE OWNERS SAY MISTAKE WAS MADE.

American Surveyors Alleged to be Responsible for Placing Many Claims in Canada.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Mining men in Skagway declare that a mistake was made in marking the Alaskan boundary by joint party of Canada and United States, for which the American surveyors were responsible.

News to this effect was brought yesterday by passengers arriving on the Cottage City, and several mining men, who returned from the north on the steamer state that mining operators who have property in the disputed section are indignant over affairs.

From what can be ascertained the mistake was made in locating the boundary monuments along the Unuk river, twenty-five miles from the water instead of ten marine leagues, thus giving Canada a strip of territory nearly ten miles wide, and also placing on Canadian soil some valuable mining properties. In fact, according to arrivals from the north yesterday, practically all of the claims recorded in that section have been taken out of American jurisdiction and placed in the boundaries of the Dominion on account of the alleged error on the part of the surveying party.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.  
Members Will Meet on January 11th—Some Government Bills.

(Associated Press.)  
Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—A cabinet council meeting was held yesterday, and an order-in-council was passed calling the members of the legislature together for the dispatch of public business on Thursday, January 11th, 1906.

In addition to the estimates, there is reason to believe that among the important measures to be brought before the legislature will be the government's proposals in regard to telephone, the adjustment of taxation on foreign corporations and the revised noxious weed bill.

WILL NOT REDUCE HOURS.  
(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—The Periodical Publishers Association has decided to stand by the typographic employment printers in refusing the eight-hour day to compositors employed in book and job offices.

TWO MEN KILLED.  
(Associated Press.)  
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—J. T. Venable, manager, and Frank Borquin, shipping clerk of the local plant of the Schwartzschild & Sulzberger Reef Co., were killed by electricity during a severe storm that prevailed here last night.

FOUNDING OF CAMBRIDGE.  
(Associated Press.)  
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—The 25th anniversary of the founding of Cambridge was celebrated here to-day. The observation of the event took the form of exercises in the public and private schools with a public meeting arranged for the evening in Saunderson theatre under the auspices of the Cambridge National Historic Society.

When proceedings were resumed this morning Frank Higgins asked permission to be heard on behalf of Messrs. Hanna and McNiven, parents of the child whose drawing books had been thrown out by the council of public instruction. He stated, in explanation, that Mr. Hanna had previously called upon Superintendent Robinson and was told that all that was objected to in his daughter's work was one short line in the evidence that had been given by D. Blair. It appeared that the book was in a different condition now than was the case then. The same was true in reference to Miss McNiven's work also, and he continued, in view of the fact that the superintendent's first statement and the evidence of Mr. Higgins were entirely at variance, he desired to further testify that the trustees were represented by counsel who apparently was endeavoring to break down the story told by the children through cross-examination.

Mr. D. M. Eberts objected to such a statement. He held that it was not in accordance with the facts, and he asked Mr. Elliott to state what was the evidence that the trustees were represented by counsel who apparently was endeavoring to break down the story told by the children through cross-examination.

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## COUNTRY LAID WASTE BY PEASANTS

### SOLDIERS UNABLE TO RESTORE ORDER

German and Letts are Setting Up Local Administrations in the Baltic Provinces.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The consul of a continental power who arrived here from Riga on a train heavily guarded by troops said that throughout the district extending 130 miles on this side of Riga the land has been laid to waste, all the buildings belonging to the landlords having been burned to the ground. The situation in Courland, he says, is even worse.

At Riga the garrison is too small to attempt to wrest the power from the hands of the workmen, who have organized a police force and are administering the affairs of the city and have sent a delegation to Governor Ruzhicki notifying him that he has been deposed. The city is terror-stricken, but comparatively quiet. The workmen's militia is successfully preventing pillage, showing no mercy to rowdies, several of whom have been shot or hanged.

The Novoe Vremya prints a dispatch from Riga dated December 18th, saying that the Letts are completing their armed organization and are ambushing and driving out the troops from the country, destroying the bridges and transforming the castles and residences of the landlords into forts. As fast as the country is cleared of troops the Germans and Letts are setting up local administrations. Preparations are making for a general convention of representatives of Lithuania, at which women will be granted the right to vote.

There was a very panicky feeling on the house today and a great rush to sell everything. Imperial forces fell three points, closing at 76. There were rumors on the bourse that M. Muchoff, the Conservative leader, will succeed Count Witte as premier.

Call for Strike.  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—A call for a general strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway Union and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.  
A response received from the railway men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railroad in Russia. The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law.  
Minister of the Interior Durnovo at-

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Bobinsky's estate has been laid waste by the peasants, who plundered and then burned the mansion and other buildings, killed 100 horses, drove off the cattle and carried away the grain. When the Cossacks appeared the disturbance was all over.

JEROME K. JEROME.

A Talk on Timely Topics With Noted Writer.

Certain readers of English books, who know of Jerome K. Jerome as a clever and amusing writer of light literature, may be surprised to learn that, besides being a genial humorist of a fine and high type, he is also a clear and deep thinker on all social and political questions. For many years he has been in close touch with the political life of England, and he has never ceased to be deeply interested in the questions connected with the condition of the poorer classes of that country, says the Winnipeg Free Press.

In conversation with a Free Press representative, Mr. Jerome, who is a large variety of subjects, from the question of the difference between English and continental humor to the matter of the condition of the unemployed in London.

"We are deeply interested here in the question of the immigrant or English people to Canada. Is it your opinion that there are more people in England than can be sustained in comfort at home?" asked the reporter.  
"All the people now in England could be sustained there if all the land was available for cultivation," replied the visitor. "Unfortunately increasing amounts of English land are being devoted to deer forests and to similar purposes. I have seen statistics giving the acreage of English lands now used in this way. These statistics are exceedingly suggestive of what might eventually happen in Great Britain if certain forces which are now operating there were not counteracted. I have no doubt that they will be counteracted eventually. At the present time the demand for land for the purposes of pleasure and recreation."

on the part of the upper classes in England is excessive. Additional arable land is being taken for this purpose every year. If this land could all be secured for agricultural purposes, all English people could remain in England. Under the existing circumstances, however, many of the residents in the mother country desire to emigrate. These people who wish to leave England are, for the most part, farm laborers, the class that need land in Manitoba. I presume that there are a hundred young men in the immediate vicinity of my own home, known personally to me, who would emigrate to Canada to-day if they felt assured that they would find employment and had the amount of money necessary to pay the cost of transportation. By the way, how much does it cost to bring a farm laborer from London to Winnipeg?"

"The reporter stated that the lowest cost was about \$45, including steamship transportation on the ocean and railway transportation from Montreal to Winnipeg."  
"I have understood," continued Mr. Jerome, "that this was the case. I have been told that between eight and ten pounds was sufficient to carry a farm hand to Manitoba. What I would venture to suggest is that Canadian farmers might advance the \$45 necessary to bring out a farm laborer and, in England, might organize an association to protect the farmer against loss, refunding the amount advanced in any case in which the emigrant failed to appear and repay it."

Mr. Jerome went into this subject in detail, and finished by saying that the commissioner of immigration would take up the matter if it were submitted to him.  
"What influence will the entrance of John Burns into the English cabinet have on the question of the unemployed in England?" was asked.  
"I think it will have a large influence," said Mr. Jerome, "but there is another factor in English political life which will have still larger influence on the future politics of Great Britain. There will be in the next election in England."

One Hundred Labor Candidates.  
Of these about fifty will be elected. A body of fifty labor members is bound to make itself felt in parliament, and will be able to force the consideration of pressing questions of great moment and importance to the working people of England."

"The trade unions of Great Britain are very closely organized at the present time."  
"It is said that there are about two million voters in the trades unions of England. Great Britain is also becoming the most socialist country in the world. It is never called socialism; the word being shunned. It is called state aid municipalization, and a variety of other names, but the tendency is all in the same direction. Municipal ownership of various utilities is increasing in public esteem with irresistible rapidity and momentum. It is unquestionable that English railways will be nationalized in the early future. All this work is being carried forward on strictly constitutional lines, and no acts of violence have marked the progress of England in these regards. The advancement is, however, none the less rapid. I had opportunity recently to compare the street railway system of Glasgow, which has been municipally operated for a number of years, with the street railway system of Chicago, which is a private enterprise. The system in Chicago I conceive to be the worst on the continent. It is unsatisfactory in appearance and the service is inadequate, and the charge is high. In Glasgow the reverse of this is the case. The service is frequent, the cars are of the latest design, the charge is low, and the system is financially successful. In America, as in England, the idea of Municipal Ownership has evidently taken a firm hold, and there will be great developments along this line in the future."

There will also be a number of literary men in the next house," suggested the reporter.  
"There will be Augustine Birrell, the essayist, as minister of education. Then Conan Doyle is a candidate in the constituency of Berwick. I believe, and Mason is running in Coventry."

"How do you account for the dearth of authors of the first rank in England at the present time?" asked the reporter.  
"Do you believe it to be attributed to the existence of the public schools?"

At this point Mr. Jerome became still more deeply interested.  
"I am persuaded," he said, "that in fifty years the public will look back to the opening years of the twentieth century as an exceptionally brilliant one in English letters. It is difficult to estimate the relative standing of authors during their lifetime, but I am fully persuaded that England has at the present time men of very high rank. I fancy that Hardy and Meredith will always be considered as being in the first class of English authors. There is also a large body of less famous men whose names will be permanently remembered, and who have made most valuable additions to the literature of England."

### A DESERTED VILLAGE

Discovered by Grand Trunk Pacific Surveyors in Northern Ontario.

In explanation of a weird discovery, a deserted village, which a party of Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors came on suddenly a few weeks ago in the uninhabited part of northern Ontario, a Grand Trunk Pacific engineer states: "A few years ago a wealthy and eccentric French count conceived the idea of establishing a settlement, which he was to be the head, somewhere on Hudson's Bay. He fitted out a large vessel and all went well until they were nearing their destination, when one fine day, while sailing up James Bay, the vessel struck an uncharted rock. The vessel was lost, but the settlers, with the greater part of their effects, safely landed. Guided by Indians they travelled inland and established the settlement referred to."

In 1902 the count, accompanied by his wife and guided by a large party of James Bay Indians, with canoes, travelled up the Abitibi and down the Ottawa waters to North Temiskaming, thence to Montreal and returned to France. In 1903 a vessel was sent by him to the relief of the settlers, who, tired of the hardships in a strange land, decided to return to France. As the distance was too great for a season of navigation nearly over, their departure was necessarily hurried.

One of the company, a gentleman of some means, and an enthusiastic sportsman, had spent most of the time hunting and trapping with the Indians all James Bay employees. He accompanied the returning vessel, but remained himself, as he wished for more adventure, and also to see some of the Canadian cities before returning. In February, 1905, while exploring for the transcontinental railway in the Abitibi country, he discovered the ruins of the winter trail. I entertained this gentleman at my camp for a couple of days. He was then travelling alone, except for two dogs, a tomogwan, rabbit skin blankets, snowshoes and a rifle. I supplied him with provisions, and he cheerfully complied with my request. He was a mile ahead of him to the next winter camp. And I have since learned he made the journey safely.  
The existence of this settlement is known by many Indians trapping for the Hudson's Bay Company post at James Bay. Winnipeg Free Press.

### ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

M. H. Asquith Says Main Issue Will Be Free Trade Against Protection.

London, Dec. 20.—Herbert Henry Asquith, chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking here tonight said that the main issue of the campaign would be free trade against protection.

With regard to home rule for Ireland, Mr. Asquith said the Liberals in the next parliament would be as opposed as he was himself to advancing along any path leading to separation and would resolutely maintain the paramount authority of the imperial parliament. He believed the government would improve and liberalize the administration of Ireland, but in doing so no one could accuse its members of being enemies of the unity of the nation.

### GOLD FROM RUSSIA.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Gold has begun to arrive in large quantities at the Imperial Bank of Germany from St. Petersburg. About \$3,500,000 arrived yesterday, while the amount included in the last bank return is understood to be about \$7,000,000. The movement is expected until a total of \$25,000,000 is reached.

The best authorities say that the gold is intended to redeem the issue of Russian treasury bonds in Germany and Austria in May and June through the Bank of Berlin.  
Rumors to the effect that the Russian treasury will be unable to pay the treasury coupons of the foreign debt have been set at rest by the announcement that it is in readiness and that payment has been going on since last week.

### WINNIPEG NOTES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Government inspectors have just returned from the Doukhobor communities and report excellent agricultural progress in all of them. Their wheat by actual measurement of land and bins yielded nearly 45 bushels per acre. The Doukhobors are on the highway to success. Owing to the phenomenal excursion traffic, east, baggage express and mail had to be sent on a special train yesterday, and the transcontinental went in two sections, carrying 900 passengers.

Wise—"Stinkum says he has two objects in life." Says—"Yes, a fool and his money."—Philadelphia Record.

**DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASES  
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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report furnished by the Victoria  
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 21.—A. m.—Strong, moder-  
ate, fair, cold weather, with sharp frost  
in many places. Sea, calm. General  
throughout the province. Light to mod-  
erate winds are reported in the Coast  
from this to California. Most of the  
Rockies the same weather is giving way  
to severe temperatures.

## Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 1 p.m. Friday.  
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moder-  
ate winds, generally fair and cold.  
Lower Mainland—Light winds, fair and  
cold.

## Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.2; tempera-  
ture, 21; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles W.  
rain, 31; weather, clear.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.1; tem-  
perature, 20; minimum, 21; wind, 10 miles  
rain, 26; weather, cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.2; tempera-  
ture, 20; minimum, 21; wind, calm; snow,  
10; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.1; tempera-  
ture, 21; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow,  
10; weather, cloudy.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.2; tem-  
perature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles  
N. E.; weather, clear.  
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.2; tempera-  
ture, 28; minimum, 24; wind, calm; snow,  
10; weather, cloudy.

## A CAPABLE COMPANY.

The Hottelians Give a Splendid Presen-  
tation of "El Capitán" Last  
Night.

Southern "El Capitán" was presented  
by the Rosclan Opera Company at the  
Victoria Theatre in a fair home last  
night. The performance in the first of  
a four-night engagement and gave a  
capital impression of the ability of  
several members of the company.  
These famous voices of splendid qual-  
ity and compass. They include an ex-  
cellent tenor, baritone and a few  
sopranos. The chorus is also well bal-  
anced and the company is altogether  
on a par with the best musical organ-  
ization that has visited the city this  
winter. In "El Capitán" Claude An-  
derson took the part of Don Eusebio Me-  
dina, and in the role was all that  
could have been desired. His songs  
were well taken and his mannerisms  
added not a little to the humorous sit-  
uations in which he found himself. In  
the comical part J. Leslie as Renato  
Amable Pozzo was very amusing. J.  
A. Dewey, who masqueraded "Don  
Luis Caserio, ex-vice-roy," won numer-  
ous encores. He has a robust tenor of  
big power and compass and sings with  
feeling and expression. F. W. Walters  
appeared as "Count Hermoso Verado,  
a Provencal gentleman," and H. Cam-  
bell as "Baron de Saramba, leader of the in-  
surgents." The latter had a part in which  
he had not an opportunity to display  
to good advantage his magnificent bar-  
itone.

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### FURTHER EVIDENCE AT INSURANCE INQUIRY

President of the Washington and Ger-  
mania Life Companies on the  
Witness Stand.

New York, Dec. 20.—At the meeting  
of the insurance inquiry commission  
to-day Mr. Tatlock, president of the  
Washington Life Insurance Co., was an  
important witness. The earnings for  
nine months of the year, the witness  
said, as far as could be calculated,  
were \$225,000, of which \$75,000 was paid  
on dividends to policy holders and  
\$150,000 is surplus.

On the subject of apportioning divi-  
dends, Mr. Tatlock said his company  
kept no individual account with policy-  
holders to show what was coming to  
them annually, as President Eide of the  
Horsing Company testified that company  
did. Personally witnesses would favor a  
period of surplus earnings distribution  
every five years, certainly not less  
than three years. The annual dividend  
was engrafted on premium life insur-  
ance by reason of annual valuation re-  
quired by states and by competition.  
The original period of distribution,  
witness said, was five years.

Replying to Mr. Hughes, the witness  
said that if all companies should be  
compelled to distribute their gains  
after setting aside a reasonable amount  
for expenses, it would help the  
situation materially.

The experience of the witness in  
handling foreign business was  
limited. He was of the opinion that life  
insurance business should be done in  
the country in which they are domes-  
ticated. His main reason was because  
of the requirements of foreign countries  
that the liabilities of a company must  
be covered by assets deposited in that  
country.

Mr. Tatlock said that no security was  
ever purchased by his company unless  
the full board of finance agreed. He  
further said that Mr. Ryan never at-  
tempted to influence any action on the  
part of the board, and never suggested  
the purchase of any securities.

The purchase of American Tobacco  
that came up in yesterday's testimony,  
Mr. Tatlock said, was suggested by  
Levi P. Morton and was concurred in  
by the board.

Witness said the Washington Life  
had never bought any securities from  
Mr. Ryan. Mr. Morton or any other  
investor had bought some from the  
Morton Trust Company.

Cornelius Doremus, president of the  
Germania Life Insurance Company, a  
stock company, followed Mr. Tatlock.  
His company was organized in 1860.  
The capital stock is \$200,000. The  
charter of the company was put in  
evidence and a provision was read  
which gave policy holders a voice in  
the affairs of the company. For each  
\$100 interest in the legal reserve to  
policy holders is accorded one vote.  
The company has about \$10,000,000 in  
force. It has never made political con-  
tributions. In May, 1904, \$250 was paid  
as a share in legislative work on the  
lien bill. The company also paid \$500  
for a year's fees in connection with the  
mortgage tax law. The company has  
about \$25,000,000 assets.

Mr. Doremus said about one-third  
of the company's business was done in  
Europe. The headquarters were in  
Germany, and the company's business  
in Germany was in every respect bet-  
ter than any business it did in Amer-  
ica.

Regarding he said, was unknown in  
Germany. Witness said his company  
took no notes from policy holders for  
premiums. Competition had not forced  
this system upon the company, be-  
cause it was too risky. The Germania  
Company does business in all of the  
states, about 8 per cent. of its busi-  
ness being done in New York state.

E. C. Potter, a New York real estate  
agent, took the stand and testified that  
he received the \$250 contributed by the  
Germania Company in May, 1904, in  
connection with the passage of the lien  
bill. Others contributed to the legal  
fund for this purpose, Mr. Potter said,  
and in all he received about \$2,000.  
This was paid to William H. Buck-  
ley, an Albany lawyer. Mr. Potter ex-  
plained that his reason for employing  
an attorney was because he was in-  
formed that there was opposition to the  
bill.

Chairman Anderson suggested there  
might have been opposition outside the  
legislature, and witness said there  
might have been but so long as the  
bill passed it was \$2,000 well invested.  
Mr. Potter said Mr. Buckley did not  
want to take the money, but Mr. Pot-  
ter insisted, because the passage of the  
bill was of great benefit to witnesses and  
the gentlemen who subscribed the money.

Mr. Doremus then resumed the  
stand. He presented a scale of com-  
missions paid on policies by the Ger-  
mania Life, and a statement of legal  
expenses expended during the last ten  
years. According to his statement no  
payments were made to Andrew Ham-  
ilton, A. C. Shields or William H.  
Buckley and nothing has ever been  
paid for legislative engineering.

The salaries of the officers of the  
Germania Life are: President, \$15,000;  
vice-president, \$12,000; second vice-  
president, \$10,000; actuary, \$8,000; sec-  
retary, \$5,000.  
The salary of the president was in-  
creased on January 1st last from \$15,000  
to \$18,000. Witness said it was im-  
possible to get the expenses within the  
earnings without reducing com-  
missions to agents, and this has not been  
done because of competition. "Almost  
any good agent," he said, "could get  
more almost anywhere else than he  
could with us."  
John Fuhrer, actuary of the Ger-  
mania, said that the gain for the year  
is distributed either in annual or de-  
ferred dividends with the exception of  
10 per cent. which is retained for con-  
tingency. This witness said had been  
the custom for a number of years. It  
was brought out that the company an-  
nually makes up a report for the Ger-  
man government separately from the  
one it makes to the New York state  
insurance department. The report to  
the German government is full and  
complete and covers the entire busi-  
ness of the company in all countries.  
The Germania Life also keeps an in-  
dividual account with its policy hold-  
ers, so that at any time the amount  
of dividends due or accrued may be  
learned at a glance. Since 1868, when  
the company began to do business in

Germany, the company has never had  
any controversy with the government  
nor experienced any hindrance or in-  
terruption of its business.

## WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.  
13th to 19th December, 1905.

During the first three days of this week  
the ocean low barometer areas which at  
this season of the year cross this pro-  
vince moved eastward either to the  
northward or far to the southward. This  
change allowed the weather in this vicin-  
ity to remain fair and moderately cold,  
while extending northward even to Daw-  
son the weather was comparatively mild.  
Upon Saturday, 16th, a southerly gale oc-  
curred on the Washington coast, and rain  
became general from Northern British  
Columbia to California. On Monday,  
18th, another ocean storm area approach-  
ed Vancouver Island, it caused a south-  
erly gale both on the Coast and the  
Strait of Puck and Georgia, this also  
was accompanied by a general rain-west  
of the Cascades. In Cariboo and Kootenay  
the weather has been remarkably  
mild, with no rain or snow to speak of.  
The same conditions prevailed in Alberta,  
and in Manitoba the temperature only  
fell a few degrees below zero upon two  
days.

Victoria.—Amount of bright sunshine  
recorded was 8 hours and 30 minutes;  
rain, 37 inch; highest temperature, 49.7  
on 14th; lowest, 38.1 on 15th.

Vancouver.—Rain, 1.23 inch; highest  
temperature, 50 on 18th; lowest, 35 on  
16th.

New Westminster.—Rain, 76 inch; high-  
est temperature, 50 on 18th; lowest, 35 on  
16th and 17th.

Kamloops.—No rain or snow; highest  
temperature, 36 on 13th, 14th and 15th;  
lowest, 24 on 16th.

Barkerville.—No rain or snow; highest  
temperature, 34 on 14th, 15th and 16th;  
lowest, 14 on 13th.

Port Simpson.—Rain, 1.43 inch; highest  
temperature, 48 on 16th; lowest, 32 on  
16th.

Atlin.—No rain or snow; highest tem-  
perature, 34 on 12th; lowest, 14 on 18th.

Dawson.—Snow, 1.5 inch; highest tem-  
perature, 18 on 14th; lowest, 6 below on  
13th and 15th.

The following is a summary of the  
weather for November, 1905:

Precipitation in Inches.

Victoria	0.91	Trace 0.91
Beaver Lake	1.57	0.5 1.62
Stoke Lake	2.63	4.00 4.10
Goldstream Lake	3.10	10.00 4.10
Albion	7.28	11.25 8.50
Romas River	8.15	5.30 8.58
Cowichan	3.21	6.00 2.13
Barkerville	2.11	9.70 3.08
Hamfield	2.76	2.76
Thetis Island	2.83	3.00 3.12
Vancouver	4.69	0.75 4.66
Westminster	4.08	4.10 4.40
Garry Point	2.99	3.00 3.29
Chilliwack	4.57	2.00 4.77
Kamloops	0.66	2.50 0.84
Barkerville	0.94	26.00 2.74
Quenael	1.23	8.00 2.03
Roseland	0.11	29.20 3.03
Vernon	0.45	7.00 1.15
Nelson	1.55	12.00 2.25
Eslington	2.26	2.26
Port Simpson	11.02	11.02
New Harbour	12.51	12.51
Hartley Bay	27.08	27.08
Rivers Inlet	28.40	0.10 28.41

At Victoria, there were 60 hours and 5  
minutes of bright sunshine registered,  
the mean proportion for the month being  
35. The highest temperature was 59.2 on  
12th; the lowest, 25.8 on 29th; and the  
monthly mean, 44.52. The total number  
of miles recorded on the electrical an-  
emograph was 5,666, and the direction was  
as follows: North, 907; northeast, 1,430; east,  
543; southeast, 650; south, 180; southwest,  
120; west, 762; northwest, 264.

At Vancouver—Highest, 62.7 on 12th;  
lowest, 39.3 on 29th; mean, 47.7.

At New Westminster—Highest, 60.5 on  
12th; lowest, 38.9 on 28th; mean, 41.95.

At Alberni—Highest, 67.0 on 12th; low-  
est, 23.0 on 28th; mean, 46.07.

At Nanaimo—Highest, 58.9 on 12th; low-  
est, 24.0 on 28th; mean, 44.06; bright sun-  
shining, 54 hours 42 minutes.

At Cowichan—Highest, 59.8 on 12th;  
lowest, 21.2 on 28th; mean, 41.97.

At Hamfield—Highest, 49.9 on 2nd; low-  
est, 30.6 on 1st.

At Thetis Island—Highest, 60.1 on 12th;  
lowest, 24.8 on 28th; mean, 41.7.

At Garry Point—Highest, 59.5 on 11th;  
lowest, 30.0 on 28th; mean, 40.5.

At Chilliwack—Highest, 61.6 on 12th;  
lowest, 30.0 on 28th; mean, 45.8.

At Kamloops—Highest, 64.2 on 12th;  
lowest, 1.4 below zero on 28th; mean, 35.1.

At Barkerville—Highest, 49.0 on 12th;  
lowest, 14 below zero on 28th; mean, 27.36.

At Quenael—Highest, 50.7 on 12th;  
lowest, 15 below zero on 28th; mean, 32.24.

At Roseland—Highest, 48.0 on 11th; low-  
est, 7 on 28th.

At Nelson—Highest, 52 on 2nd; lowest,  
3 on 28th.

At Eslington—Highest, 54 on 6th; lowest,  
11 on 28th; mean, 36.3.

At Port Simpson—Highest, 56.3 on 6th;  
lowest, 36.2 on 30th; mean, 42.80.

At Rivers Inlet—Highest, 59.4 on 13th;  
lowest, 20.8 on 28th; mean, 41.09.

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"SOMETHING IN THE WIND."

There was a significant gathering of Liberals at the Driard hotel last evening.

Meetings of Liberals, significant or insignificant, have not yet been interdicted by the orders of the McBride government, we believe. Consequently we presume the assembly at the Driard was a perfectly lawful one, although the object of the conference was the consideration of a course of action inimical to the political well-being of the provincial government. It is the evident intention of the Premier to ask for a dissolution of the House, and it is not clear to us that there is anything reprehensible in making preparations to meet the situation when it arises. The members of the McBride administration have travelled over the whole of the province at the public expense. They have interviewed railway magnates in the East, also at the public expense. They have secured an adequate campaign fund, we presume, from the said magnates, or they would not be contemplating dissolution. That fund is also to be applied where it will do the cause of Toryism in British Columbia most good and the cause of the people of British Columbia most harm. If the government prove triumphant the triumph will be secured at the public expense, as circumstances will demonstrate in due time. The heads of corporations do not participate actively or financially in political campaigns without promises of suitable rewards or concessions. As the government has girded up its loins and set its house in order in anticipation of events, is there any reason why its opponents should not prepare for eventualities?

HE WILL NOT DO.

The Toronto Telegram, as is well known to all persons familiar with the weaknesses, peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of newspapers, is a political hero worshipper. Our Eastern contemporary keeps a stock of pedestals constantly on hand and is always on the alert to catch a hero and plant his feet on one of its eminences. The Telegram has for a considerable time had its eyes fixed upon the Premier of British Columbia with the evident intention of seizing upon his budding but successful politician and placing him in its gallery of notables. Viewed at long range and in vanishing perspective the Hon. the Premier and his wonderful works appeared to satisfy the Telegram that it was on the right track—that it had but to wait a favorable opportunity and it would secure a rare specimen. But a closer inspection has evidently opened the editorial eyes with a jerk. Mr. McBride attended the banquet tendered to Leader Borden in Toronto. The Telegram man must have taken a furtive peep under the table and made the interesting discovery that the feet of his idol were of clay and would scarcely support a really heroic figure. The foundations upon which the fame of our statesman rested appeared so frail, tested by his utterances in his after-dinner "oration," that the Telegram evidently concluded it could be only a matter of a short time until they should crumble away and let the towering figure down with a crash. Hence Premier McBride is not to have a place in the Eastern Gallery of Notables. Our con-

clusions, permit us to explain, are based upon the following "fair comments" found in the columns of our contemporary:

"At his side (Mr. Borden) sat Premier Dick McBride of British Columbia, his prematurely grey hair parted awfully near the middle and looking as if it was fresh from the crimping irons of the hairdresser—just as little like a wild and woolly westerner as anybody could imagine."

Richard is only thirty-four. To look at him you'd think he was forty. To hear him speak you might take him for twenty-one. Breezy he is as the soft chinook that sweeps the snow from his native mountains, but when you've once shouted, "Be loyal to the party," and "If you can't boost don't knock," you have all he said in half an hour. He went west again last night, but we'll try and muddle along somehow without him."

The Telegram, we may explain, is not a girl newspaper. Its score of anything that savors of Liberalism is as deep as its prejudices are incomprehensible.

What is this we read in the columns of a contemporary whose loyalty to British institutions is principally expressed in words? "The London Outlook expresses apprehension that Canada may turn to the United States for the discussion of mutually advantageous trade relations. The Ottawa Citizen remarks that the apprehension may not be unjustified if Great Britain continues to shilly-shally over the question of establishing reciprocal trade relations with the rest of the empire. She can offer no reciprocal relations so long as the anti-chamberlain party of free traders control her destinies, and it is only a question how long the rest of the empire is going to wait upon her indecision." It is but a short time since the Colonist hinted that British Columbia would have to "look to Washington" or some other seat of strong influence. If Canada did not give due consideration to the question of better terms. Now it is darkly suggested that if Great Britain does not reconsider her fiscal ways there may be a disruption of the empire. That all-Scottish Imperial government had better tak' tent o' its ways and be wise.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"The greatest statesman can be over-cautious. Henry Clay opposed a federal appropriation for the Sault Ste. Marie canal on the ground that the proposed waterway was 'beyond the farthest bounds of civilization.' And today an annual tonnage of 36,000,000 passes through this, the world's greatest artificial waterway." Our contemporary might have added that Canada in the not distant future is going to supply the greater portion of the traffic for the Sault Ste. Marie canal. Those artificial waterways are going to excite the wonder of the world at no distant date by the amount of business passing through them.

The representatives of law and order in Russia are undoubtedly "making it warm" for the revolutionaries. Nine hundred consumed by fire is really reminiscent of the days when the chosen people were divinely commissioned to deal summarily with the unchosen who possessed a land flowing with milk and honey.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the Liberal party in the legislature, is in the city; He expects to leave again to-morrow evening for his home in Rossland. Mr. Macdonald says the mining industry shows very hopeful signs in the interior. The continued high prices of metals has had a beneficial influence on the industry.

Lieut. Irving B. Miles, R. N. Mrs. Miles and daughter, left per steamer Princess Beatrice last evening for England. They will take the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited from Seattle to-night, sailing from New York on the American liner New York on December 29th, and spending New Year's day on the Atlantic.

C. A. Farr of New York; J. D. Conway, Miss McMillan and Miss Bryden of Ladysmith; S. M. Sawyer, of Nanaimo; and J. A. Gilbert and bride, of Everett, Wash., are registered at the Victoria hotel.

W. R. Smith of Winnipeg; Herbert G. Barber, of Ottawa; J. A. A. Knox, of Revelstoke; John Oliver, M. P. of Delta; and G. H. Wall, of Lacombe, are staying at the Dominion.

Isidor Bissinger, of San Francisco; M. Cohen, of Seattle; J. M. Macdonald, M. P. of Rossland; and C. E. Fowler, of Seattle, are among the guests at the Driard hotel.

Rev. S. H. Cartwright, who arrived yesterday from Korea, left for Toronto via the Great Northern railway last night.

J. Fontain, of Hazelton, arrived from the North by the steamer Venture. He is among those registered at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. A. Bogy, of St. Catharines, Ont., who is identified with the development of large coal interests in Nicola, is in the city.

J. W. Kelly, of Duncan, has returned after an extended tour of the States. He is a guest at the Dominion.

B. C. Pettigill left for Pittsburg, Pa., last evening per steamer Despatch and the Northern Pacific railway.

Miss J. Grollish and Mrs. Maynard McDonald left last night for their home in Vancouver.

Miss Fiof Gowen left yesterday for Mexico City.

Morris' reclining chairs, solid oak, for \$25.00 to \$35.00; reversible cushions, back and seat. New coverings just in. Come and have a look. Smith &amp; Champion, Phone, 718.

ANOTHER WITNESS  
GIVES EVIDENCE

(Continued from page 1)

why, if the pupil acknowledged having ruled all the figures, the work on the former was so much more neat than the work on the latter. In the case of the latter, the work was done in a hasty and careless manner.

Georgina Heddington's book witness pointed out ruled lines in exercise four and also stated that both the datum and horizontal lines on exercise twenty-three had been done contrary to the regulations. He could not say that these formed part of the figures. Miss McNeill's drawings were also criticised. In exercise the datum line which formed a part of the second figure had been traced with the assistance of a ruler. He also pointed out other indications of the same infraction of Examiner Hutton's instructions. Witness drew attention to the fact that many of the figures were exactly the same height and the same diameter. This, he thought, could only be accounted for by measuring, some mechanical appliance being utilized for the purpose. Replying to a question he said that such a strange coincidence was scarcely possible if the regulations of model drawing had been strictly followed in every particular. Miss Clay's work, when examined, elicited a much similar criticism. Before witness was asked many questions on the execution of the work of this pupil, Commissioner Lampan read the pupil's comments on the regulations. The student had adopted in drawing. In this it was stated that "no ruler was used except where the teacher had so instructed." In explanation witness said that there were certain curves which could be done free-hand with greater decision than was possible in tracing a straight line. He then pointed out that the curved lines in Miss Clay's work were not as decided as the horizontal ones. Vanishing lines, which had plainly been used were not permissible in connection with model drawing. Their use was contrary to the regulations involving the utilization of mechanism of some kind. E. J. White's book was next dealt with, and witness drew attention to the remarkable uniformity of the drawings. This, he said, allowed of only one inference, and that was that measuring of some kind had been done. Such a thing upon a paper, in the South Kensington school of Arts would mean that the work would make the acquaintance of the waste-paper basket. He also remarked that, although he could not swear to a number of lines pointed out to him, their neatness and accuracy led him to wonder why similar cleverness was not displayed throughout the work. With regard to the similarity of the figures by regard to size, he pointed out that it was made all the more remarkable owing to the fact that many of the drawings were executed on different days.

Miss Hanna's book was next announced.

Mr. Gregory: "Is Mr. Hanna's counsel here?" (Laughter.)

Witness said that the datum line was ruled in exercise 17, and in the nineteenth lines were ruled all over the page. He then compared the work of the student mentioned on time, and that in the regulation book. The inference, he held, was very striking and bore out the argument that the ruler had been used. He also asserted that, in some instances ruled lines had been hidden by free hand tracings.

Mr. Higgins, who had returned in time to look after his client's interests, questioned witness to some extent. He was told that all lines on page nineteen had been ruled.

"Do you think it is possible to draw an absolutely straight line with a ruler?" asked Mr. Higgins.

Witness contended that it would be difficult to draw a crooked line with a mechanically tested ruler.

When counsel pressed his question Mr. Dunnell stated that it would be possible to draw a perfect line with a ruler.

Mr. Eberts: "You mean by that a straight line in the common acceptance of the term?"

Mr. Higgins: "That's right, lead him."

Master Cole's book caused a criticism among much the same lines by witness.

He swore to a number of ruled lines and made some comment upon the remarkable accuracy of the drawings in some instances and the crude efforts in others.

From this time the proceedings consisted entirely of the examination of the drawing books. Witness gave expert evidence on the work of all the pupils, taking up the drawings as systematically as the previous witness. Mr. Blair, had done. He corroborated the latter's testimony in most particulars, although he was not prepared to swear to all that Mr. Blair had done in regard to ruled lines.

An adjournment for lunch was then ordered.

TOO MUCH DRAFT.

Steamship Olympia Has Been Found Too Large to Cross Portland Bar.

Steamship Olympia, which was recently chartered by a Portland firm for use this winter on the run between Portland and San Francisco, has been returned to her owners, the Northwestern Steamship Company, owing to the fact that her draft was too great for the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river. The vessel will now be tied up for the winter.

The Olympia made one trip from Portland to San Francisco. Officers on the vessel stated that great difficulty was experienced in getting across the bar.

The Olympia will be tied up till next spring, when she will be returned to her old run to Nome.

Arrangements have been made by officials of the St. Andrew's Society for a special sermon by Rev. A. Ewing, chaplain of the organization, on Sunday, the 21st inst., at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. This is being done owing to the forthcoming departure of Rev. Mr. Ewing for the northwest. A concert will take place under the auspices of the society on the 8th of January, in the St. William Wallace hall. The programme will be appropriate and of exceptional merit.

Acting Mayor Goodacre has a notice on the bulletin board at the city hall calling a meeting of the council this evening.

LIBERALS MEET.  
Leading Members of the Party Meet at the Driard Hotel.

A meeting of a number of the Liberal representatives in the Commons and the Provincial legislature was held in the parlor of the Driard last night. Among those present were: J. A. Macdonald, M.P.P., leader of the opposition; Senator Templeman, Ralph Smith, M. P.; W. Sloan, M. P.; T. W. Paterson, M. P.; R. M. Drury, M. P. P.; W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.; J. D. McNeill, M. P. P.; R. Hall, M. P. P.; R. G. McPherson, M. P.; John Oliver, M. P. P.; Duncan Ross, M. P.; W. A. Gallier, M. P.; W. C. Wells, M. P. P.; and Stuart Henderson, M. P. P.

The meeting was convened on the suggestion of Mr. Macdonald and other members of the party, and advantage was taken of the visit of the leader to the coast on local business to have an informal discussion of political affairs and party organization.

The statements of the Colonist in respect to the question of the lieutenant-governorship forming a subject for discussion, as well as all the references to alleged wiring to Ottawa in behalf of Geo. Riley, M.P., whose name has frequently been associated by the Colonist with the position, are pure fabrications. The meeting was a private one, purely informal, and concerned itself only with questions affecting party welfare and organization. It was harmonious and enthusiastic throughout.

NOTED EDUCATIONIST

Arrived To-day on the Tremont-West Bound Shipping Had Rough Experience.

Dr. Clay Macaulay, a man noted in literature, being the author of a number of books, and a distinguished educationist, arrived to-day on the steamship Tremont from Japan. He is en route to Boston, his home. He has spent several years in Japan, having been until recently in the university of Tokyo and otherwise largely identified with the educational system of that country. In the last year he held a special commission in Japan.

Other passengers to arrive on the Tremont to-day were Mr. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, and Lieutenant Thomas, who has been connected with the army in the Philippines.

The Tremont had a rough voyage from Yokohama of 14 days duration. Captain Garreck says that the weather on the Pacific has within the last month been very rough and all west bound shipping has suffered. The Japanese and other vessels largely identified with the educational system of that country. In the last year he held a special commission in Japan.

With regard to the Lyra, the Yokohama Advertiser says: "Storms struck the Lyra outside of Columbia bar and followed her straight across the Pacific, battering her and smothering her with tons of water. There was no success until a day out from the harbor mouth, when the crippled boat was sighted off Imburoy Point almost 20 hours before quarantine was reached. When she came up the bay with a slight to her decks like the side of a church steeple it was not necessary to inquire whether rough weather had been encountered. It was not long after leaving the Pacific Coast port that a mountain-high wave struck the Lyra and shifted her cumbersome cargo to starboard; after that the contest was over for the Lyra. The crew made every effort to adjust the cargo, but that, with poor coal, which was so scarce that it slipped through the furnace grates before doing its work, made the voyage over an anxious one for Captain Williams."

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BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Struck by a Street Car, but Not Seriously Hurt.

The tender of car No. 15, of the Port street line, saved a small boy from what would probably have been instant death, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock this afternoon. Willie Bradley was walking along the sidewalk near the corner of Vancouver street just as the car was coming along, when he was seized with a sudden impulse to cross the street. But Willie's capacity for estimating distances was not well developed. He had not the remotest chance of clearing the car. Now had he been an opportunity to say "cheer up, progress of the vehicle under his charge. Willie's impulse was so sudden and was so hastily responded to that in a second the boy was hit and had disappeared from the view of the horrified motorman and passengers on the front platform. The car was stopped at quickly as possible, and Willie was found upon the fender. Chief of Police Langley took the lad in charge and assisted him to his home on Kane street, where his injuries, which are apparently not very serious, were attended to by a physician.

HOME SETTLEMENT.

General Booth Tells of the Salvation Army Scheme.

London, Dec. 19.—General Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, to-day wrote to King Edward announcing that George Herring, chairman of the City of London Electric Lighting Company, had donated £50,000 to the Army, to be used in a home colonization scheme, but that the Army had engaged to pay the sum in twenty-five annual instalments to the King's hospital fund. The Army proposes to purchase tracts of land in England, giving five acres or thereabouts to each settler, building cottages, providing seed and implements and supporting the settlers until the lands become productive. Each settler will repay the Army by a system of easy instalments. The entire colonization scheme is to be under the direction of the Army.

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Japanese Fancy Goods 2nd Grand Prize Drawing Competition  
100 prizes, ranging in value from \$75 down to \$50. To be drawn for January 20th. Every purchaser to the value of 50c receives a numbered ticket, entitling the holder to a draw for these prizes. The first prize is a very large and handsome Japanese vase.  
Apart from the prize drawing competition, we are giving a present to every purchaser of 50c. and up.  
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1.....283	26.....1,790	51.....287	76.....897
2.....3,354	27.....1,108	52.....221	77.....178
3.....1,148	28.....1,096	53.....221	78.....2,397
4.....1,241	29.....1,096	54.....221	79.....1,592
5.....1,241	30.....2,301	55.....221	80.....1,592
6.....2,739	31.....656	56.....221	81.....1,592
7.....272	32.....1,997	57.....221	82.....1,592
8.....2,647	33.....580	58.....221	83.....1,592
9.....701	34.....1,848	59.....221	84.....1,592
10.....1,981	35.....1,513	60.....221	85.....1,592
11.....382	36.....1,593	61.....221	86.....1,592
12.....2,559	37.....629	62.....221	87.....1,592
13.....1,086	38.....1,621	63.....221	88.....1,592
14.....1,380	39.....1,143	64.....221	89.....1,592
15.....1,218	40.....1,790	65.....221	90.....1,592
16.....1,572	41.....2,312	66.....221	91.....1,592
17.....2,249	42.....784	67.....221	92.....1,592
18.....2,528	43.....607	68.....221	93.....1,592
19.....1,135	44.....1,686	69.....221	94.....1,592
20.....678	45.....1,686	70.....221	95.....1,592
21.....1,474	46.....186	71.....221	96.....1,592
22.....1,270	47.....1,137	72.....221	97.....1,592
23.....268	48.....2,146	73.....221	98.....1,592
24.....1,046	49.....2,548	74.....221	99.....1,592
25.....2,663	50.....2,614	75.....221	100.....1,592

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## URGE WINDING-UP COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

### YORK COUNTY LOAN SHAREHOLDERS MEET

Resolution Passed by Them—Vancouver  
Interests Also Take Concerted  
Action in Matter.

Local shareholders of the York County Loan Company, which at the present time is attracting so much attention, held a meeting last evening in Pioneer hall. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing means to be adopted by which the interests of the local shareholders might be best protected. The hall was almost filled, although quite a number interested found it impossible to be present.

The question was fully discussed on the information available. There was, however, a dearth of information which made it difficult to formulate a policy which might be pursued in the matter. It was made known that a number of proxies had gone forward from Victoria. It was decided in the present condition of affairs that it would be wise to cancel these and steps were taken to permit of this. The secretary, Sydney Child, is prepared to furnish cancellation forms to those wishing them.

After discussing the question the meeting unanimously passed the following resolution:

That the Victoria shareholders of the York County Loan and Savings Co. place themselves on record as being opposed to the amalgamation of the York County Company with any other company, and that the affairs be wound up as expeditiously as possible under the Dominion Winding-Up Act; and that a committee be appointed to correspond with the liquidator and with the officials of the York County Loan Co., and report to a future meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and Sydney Child was appointed secretary. A meeting of the shareholders of the company in Vancouver was held. The News-Advertiser says that from the tone of the expressions heard at the meeting the shareholders have apparently lost faith in the management of the company, and have no desire to see the wind-up order set aside. J. B. Mathers, manager of the Dominion Trust Company, informed the meeting that they had received instructions to take possession of all the books, etc., belonging to the local office of the York County Company, to close it up and to notify shareholders through the press to pay no more money to agents, and that they, the Dominion Trust Company, would look after the interests of the coast shareholders. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, that this meeting appoint a committee to look after the interests of the shareholders, and formulate the best plan to this end.

Resolved, that this meeting of shareholders petition the Attorney-General of British Columbia to act with the Attorney-Generals of Manitoba and Ontario in demanding an investigation and to look after our interests.

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that the company be wound up immediately, and the assets distributed, and that this meeting has full confidence in the Dominion Trust Company as local agents of the liquidators.

Resolved, that those who have signed proxies hold up their right hands, and that Mr. Bird assist the secretary to draw up a cancellation notice of such proxies and that the notice be placed in the Dominion Trust Company's office for signature.

Resolved, that a committee of 7 be appointed, and that the following constitute the committee: Messrs. G. H. Tom, J. N. Menzies, J. H. Foote, J. O. Fleming, T. R. Greer, Mrs. Trudgeon, Mrs. Newworthy.

This evening a meeting of the Nanaimo shareholders is to be held. The meeting is called by Mrs. Ralph Smith. According to reports several months ago Mrs. Smith's shares matured, and she gave notice of withdrawal, but got no reply, and she has been anxiously corresponding with a view to settling up the matter. A week ago she decided to write a lawyer in Toronto and place the case in his hands, and in doing so she also mentioned that there were other shareholders in Nanaimo as well. She has not yet received a reply.

At the last annual meeting of the company in Toronto the president, Joseph Phillips, said:

"It is gratifying to know that there has been a large increase in the volume of business transacted by the company."

"The activity of the company's business is demonstrated by the cash paid withdrawing members, which amounted to the large sum of \$1,519,663.16. All these withdrawals have been replaced with new money, at a lower rate of

interest and more advantageous terms to the company.

"The assets have been increased by \$149,923.10."

"Five thousand dollars has been transferred to the reserve fund."

"That the company continues to grow in popularity is evidenced by the new business written, which was larger in amount than any previous year."

"Our investment in land suitable for building purposes has proved very satisfactory. Lots are being sold at prices that will net large profits to the company. Every evidence that can be given showed that the city of Toronto has entered upon an era of substantial and permanent progress. As the commercial and railway centre of a large and populous province, the headquarters for higher education, at the seat of provincial government, and the home of many great industries, Toronto stands in an unrivalled position in central Canada. The widespread recognition of the advantages of the city as a distributing, industrial, educational and residential centre, has resulted in the city making great strides in the matter of population. We believe that property in Toronto is at rock-bottom prices, and as the city develops the value of property will be enhanced."

"The real estate stands in the assets at its actual cost, and not at the real market value."

The annual statement of the company submitted at the same meeting was as follows:

Assets.	
Mortgage loans on real estate	\$1,599,125.51
Real estate	300,000.00
Municipal debentures and stocks and loans thereon	92,500.00
Loans on this company's stock	129,418.95
Accrued interest	12,300.75
Advances to borrowers, taxes, insurance, etc.	4,381.84
Accounts receivable	294.21
Furniture and fixtures	8,904.51
The Molsons Bank	25,415.93
Cash on hand	1,702.36
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,237,969.13</b>
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$1,760,474.24
Dividends credited	6,594.24
Amount due on incomplete loans	8,320.00
Borrowers' sinking fund	82,755.17
Mortgages assumed for members	9,450.00
Reserve fund	26,796.70
Contingent account	262,738.57
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,237,969.13</b>

As indicating the result of systematic saving, the company published the following table showing their total assets presumably at the end of each of their past financial years, and also the amount of cash paid to members:

Total Assets	Total Cash Paid to Members
Dec. 31, 1894	\$1,775.84
1895	6,444.11
1896	174,006.04
1897	288,218.97
1898	469,169.22
1899	540,234.91
1900	732,534.27
1901	1,062,486.58
1902	1,282,808.25
1903	1,572,135.78
1904	2,087,977.03
1905	2,237,969.13

In a leaflet published by the company this statement is made: "Since organization, 13 years ago, this company has paid in cash to members \$4,563,775.67. All withdrawals have been paid promptly. Every dollar paid in, with interest, being returned to the withdrawing member when the required period has been reached."

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.  
Correspondence Between Japanese Consul and Inspector Cunningham.

The Japanese government may be expected to assist in every way possible to prevent the San Jose scale being introduced into British Columbia through the means of Japanese oranges. K. Morioka, Japanese consul at Vancouver, made inquiries as to the result of investigations and it is expected that in consequence Japan may co-operate in the work in some way. The following correspondence has passed between the consul and Inspector Cunningham:

H. E. J. M. Consulate,  
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15th, 1905.  
Thomas Cunningham, Esq., Fruit Inspector of the Province, Vancouver, B. C.  
Sir:—I have read in the press of yesterday the report regarding the Japanese oranges lately imported in which were found by you the San Jose scale. If the report is true, I shall notify at once the proper authorities in Japan and take the necessary steps to prevent the coming of such oranges here.

I shall be extremely obliged if you will let me know about the result of your inspection thereof.

Hoping I shall be favored with a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,  
K. MORIKAWA.  
H. I. Japanese M's Consul, Vancouver, B. C.

Hon. Morioka, H. I. Japanese M's Consul, Vancouver, B. C.:

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst., requesting information re the inspection of Japanese oranges which has attracted the attention of the public press during the week last past. In reply I beg to state that the import-

tion of this class of fruit have been heavy this season. The oranges have been of excellent flavor and fairly well packed, but, unfortunately, they are badly infected with scale insects which are well known to be dangerous pests to other varieties of fruit.

The purple scale *Mytilaspis Citricola* is in evidence on nearly all the oranges, but what we regard as by far the more dangerous, viz., the San Jose scale, *Aspidiotus Periclitatus*, I have also found mixed up with the purple scale on some of the fruit. I believe this is the first infestation of oranges with this pest that has been found in this province.

That these scales are alive and capable of reproduction now, I have demonstrated during the week. On Monday last a female was gently lifted off an orange, placed on a glass slide and put under observation in my microscope. Within ten minutes I observed a "cigar-shaped" movement of this creature, and saw the creature was found to be in the act of parturition. I saw the youngster born, others followed till there were four all alive and moving. I put away the microscope for the night, carefully covering it up; the slide was not disturbed at all and next morning when I examined it, the family had increased to eight; two more were added on Tuesday, and two others on Wednesday; one on Thursday, and to-day, on my return from Victoria, I find it in all. They are still on the slide; the mother is still alive and as far as I can discern the young are intact. All this proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that this insect will propagate under most adverse conditions and at a season when insects generally are dormant.

As there were some 12,000 boxes of oranges in the market, and as I have spent on the way the question of dealing with them becomes very serious. The fruit has been paid for and there are heavy shipments to arrive, which may be expected to be of the same character as those in hand.

To condemn the fruit outright would entail immense loss on the importers. One firm has \$12,000 invested in this trade, others in like proportion; besides it would seriously interfere with trade relations between your country and Canada, which we are all anxious to foster and increase.

The consensus of expert opinion is that fumigation with hydrocyanic acid gas will destroy this pest. I have therefore made arrangements for the treatment of all Japanese oranges by this process; but I regret to find that the treatment is not effective.

I may add that Japanese nursery stock coming to hand this season is much more seriously infected than heretofore. I have had to destroy several lots quite recently.

I am very glad to be assured that you have taken the matter up at the proper quarter and would strongly urge you to use every effort in your power to convince your people that if they are anxious to hold this trade, they must send us only absolutely clean fruit and nursery stock.

The steps that I am taking to meet the difficulty must be regarded as a precedent for future action. As already pointed out, the circumstances are quite exceptional, indeed I am not quite sure that the concessions now being made are in the best interests of all concerned. The true remedy must be applied in Japan. Unless the growers keep their orchards clean they must eventually suffer. It is only right they should.

I very much fear that your people have been as busy in polishing off the Russians that their orchards and nurseries have had to suffer from neglect, but now that they have succeeded so admirably in accomplishing a grand work for civilization and liberty, I trust that the interests of fruit culture may receive thoroughly careful attention so as to prevent a recurrence of this trouble.

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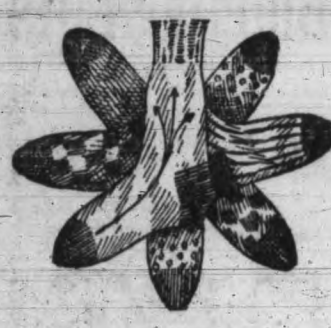
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### Sporting News

#### THE RING.

##### FITZSIMMONS DEFEATED.

Mechanics Pavilion, San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Robert Fitzsimmons collapsed at the end of the thirteenth round of his fight with Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia to-night. He had fought hard, but nature could not stand the strain, and after the gong had been sounded for the close of the thirteenth round he walked to his corner and sank in his chair. Then his head fell over on his breast, his whole body collapsed and he was unable to proceed. As he sat down he said to Graney: "Eddie, he hit me in the stomach and it is all over." Then his head sank and Bob Fitzsimmons was defeated.

Before he left the ring he made a neat little speech, in which he said he had done his best. He said he had fought his last fight.

In the first round not more than four blows were exchanged. O'Brien contented himself with dancing about with Fitzsimmons following, but seldom attempting to land.

In the second round O'Brien whipped his left and right to the face, and Fitzsimmons landed a straight left to the face and body. He then drove O'Brien into a corner and then cleverly ducked a left, intended for the jaw. In the break that followed, Fitz got in a light uppercut to the jaw. O'Brien suddenly shot his left to the jaw, catching Fitz on his balance, drove right and left to the face and then clinched.

As O'Brien backed away in the third round, Fitz caught him with a hard one to the jaw, and a moment later shot his left to the face. O'Brien, as he fell, caught a straight left that caught Fitz on the nose and sent him to the floor. It was not a clean blow being more of a push.

O'Brien forced Fitz to the ropes with a rush in the fourth round, and Fitz fell on his left knee. He was up quickly and put a stiff left over O'Brien's eye. In the fifth round O'Brien planted his left quickly to Fitz's nose and a moment later drove two more lefts to the same place. O'Brien plugged away with his left and Fitz, finally caught O'Brien over the mouth. Fitz took two straight left jabs on the face in the next round, and after missing right and left for a few landed a right swing on the eye. In the seventh round O'Brien planted right over the kidney and quick as a flash, worked right and left swings to the jaw. Fitz went after O'Brien, sending left to face and a stiff right uppercut to the body. Fitz sent left to O'Brien's face and followed it with right swing to the body, but O'Brien, countered with two quick rights to the face, one of which raised a big lump over Fitz's right eye.

In the eighth round Fitz was floored and came up apparently groggy. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes, with two hard lefts. O'Brien then drove his left to the body and forced his man again to the ropes, then came two hard lefts to the face, as the round ended. Fitz appeared to recover, but went to his corner rather unsteady. It was O'Brien's round by a slight margin.

Both appeared tired in the ninth, and in the following round O'Brien met Fitz with a straight jab on face, but Fitz retaliated with a powerful right over the heart and swung his left to the face. O'Brien shot in two lefts to the face as Fitz missed a right swing, and quickly jabbed his left over the mouth. Suddenly Fitz knocked his right with great force over the heart, forcing O'Brien to clinch. Fitz's two hard punches in this round were the best of the fight.

Fitz in a mix in the eleventh round forced O'Brien to the ropes with a terrible right. O'Brien landed left uppercut. Fitz appeared to the referee that he was hitting low. The crowd hissed. Fitz forced O'Brien to the ropes, and chased his man around the ring landing a straight left to the face.

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were considered, after which the meeting adjourned.

#### BASKETBALL.

##### WANTS GAMES ARRANGED.

The appended self-explanatory communication has been received by the sporting editor from Ernie Freeman, of Portland, Ore.

"The writer has the pleasure of looking out for the business end of the All Star basketball team of the Portland Y. M. C. A. We have in prospect a northern tour for some time in February and are desirous of securing a game in your city. I would esteem it a favor if you can put me in communication with parties who are connected with basketball teams of your city. I would also esteem it a favor if you would advise me if there is more than one team in your city.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply and also for anything you can do for us by way of bringing this matter to a focus, and hoping to hear from you at an early date."

Advantage will no doubt be taken of this opportunity by the management of the Victoria West Athletic Association, and, perhaps, both the Y. M. C. A. and J. R. A. A. to arrange games with the All Star team during their tour of the Coast. Should officials of any of the clubs mentioned wish to enter into communication with Mr. Freeman with such an object in view, his address may be obtained upon application at the Times.

#### CHRISTMAS "AT HOME."

A. C. Ladies' College Entertained Its Friends Last Evening.

A Christmas "At Home" was given at the B. C. Ladies' College, Oak Bay avenue, last evening by the principal, Rev. J. McCoy and Miss McCoy. This is the third annual function of the kind given at the college.

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Yesterday Mr. Walter Scott Edridge and Miss Helen town Barwise, both of Seattle, Wash., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. H. A. Carson, pastor of the Congregational church, conducted the ceremony at his residence, 32 Rae street. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in the city.

The annual Christmas treat in connection with the Sunday school of the Metropolitan Methodist church will take place tomorrow evening. There will be a tea for the scholars at 6.30, and at 8 o'clock an entertainment will be given by the children. A cordial invitation to the entertainment is extended to the public.

The first number of the Camosun, a modest magazine published by the students of Victoria College, has made its appearance. In the initial edition the reason for the choice of the name is set forth. It contains a number of articles written by the students, the whole making up a neat little magazine of 20 pages. The press work is done by Thos. R. Cusack, and is highly creditable.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Home will be the scene of a social movement on Boxing Day, December 27th, when it is intended to have an "at home," commencing at 5 p.m. The strong committee which has this affair in hand guarantee its success, and it is expected that this will eclipse the many successful gatherings already held at the home. Everybody is cordially welcome. Tickets will be 25 cents each.

R. H. Campbell, secretary of the department of the interior, Ottawa, has sent out the following circular letter: "The secretary of the Canadian Forestry Convention has been advised by the authorities of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that the railway arrangements which have been made in regard to British Columbia are that a single fare ticket to Ottawa must be secured between the 1st and 3rd January, 1906, in order to entitle delegates to the Canadian Forestry Convention to free return."

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Ash trays in Japanese antimony, 15c., 15c. up to 35c. each.  
Cigarette boxes, Japanese art metal, 75c. and \$1.00 each.  
Plated shaving cups with brush, \$4.50, \$5.00 each.  
Shaving mugs with brush, solid silver, \$17.00 each.  
Pocket dressing combs, sterling silver, \$1.00, \$1.50 each.  
Military brushes and comb in case, solid silver, \$12.00.  
Ebony military brushes, \$4.00 pair.  
Sterling silver mounted hat brushes, \$4.00 each.  
Whiskers, sterling mounted, \$2.75 each.  
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Bachelors' cabinets for wine, ice, or pipes, in weathered oak, \$25.00.  
Macy book cases, sectionals, \$2.50 to \$20.00 each; tops and bases, \$2.50 each; reducing sections, \$4.75 to \$5.25 each.  
Macy sectional cases, without glass, \$1.75, \$2.00 each.  
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Steel racks and plate shelf, weathered oak, \$2.50 each.  
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Clear boxes in silver, \$10.00, \$12.00 each.  
Pipe racks in polished copper and brass, \$1.00, \$1.50 each.  
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Sterling silver mounted olive wood salad servers, \$7.50 pair.  
Sterling silver tea sets, 3 pieces, \$40.00.  
Almond trays, sterling silver, \$2.00, \$5.50 each.  
Salt cellars, ruby glass, silver frames, \$6.00 pair.  
Sterling silver salt cellars, blue glass, \$2.00 each.  
Bon bon dishes, sterling silver, \$6.00, \$7.00 each.  
Salt cellars, sterling silver mounted, six in case, \$6.00 set.  
Toilet set in case, sterling silver, repousse, handstands, rose pattern, mirror, soap and brush, \$55.00.  
Sterling silver, repousse, rose pattern, darning, \$2.00; erasers, \$2.00; nail polishers, \$3.50; curlers, \$2.00; tooth brush, \$2.00; nail brush, \$2.00; hook, \$2.00.  
Bagged Turkish portieres, \$4.00 each up to \$10.50 each.  
Damascur curtains, striped, \$7.00 pair.  
Hazara curtains, hand worked, \$6.00 pair.  
Hearth rugs, "Star" Axminster, \$3 each; "Orient" rugs, \$5.50 each; "Earmuffs" reversible rug, \$7.00 each; "Wilton" rug, \$6.00 each; "Imperial" rug, \$10.00 each; "Mecca" rug, \$12.00 each.  
Vestibule rugs, heavy Axminster, \$12.00, \$14.00 each.  
Goat skin rugs, grey \$4.00, black, \$5.50 each.  
Sheep skin rugs, selected and assorted colors, \$6.00, \$9.50 each.  
Table covers, Liberty fabrics, in pastel shades, relieved gold thread, \$1.50 each.  
Antic Oriental embroidered linen, \$2.00 each.  
Doilies, Armenian embroidered, 36c. to 50c. each.  
Tea cosies, Armenian embroidered, \$5.00 each.  
Mats, cushion covers and table centres, in Armenian embroidered, \$5c. to \$7.50 each.  
Table covers, Algerian tapestry, \$4.00 to \$6.75 each.  
Blankets, union wool, \$3.50 to \$5.35 pair.  
Blankets, all wool, \$6.00 to \$7.25 pair.  
Blankets, real Cheviots, \$6.50 to \$9.00 pair.  
Quilts, Marseilles, \$3.00 to \$12.00 each.  
Honeycomb bedspreads, \$1.00 to \$3.25 each.  
Comforters, cotton filled, art muslin coverings, \$2.25, \$3.00 each.  
Cotton filled comforters, artistic designs in pinks, blues and greens on white, \$4.50 each.  
Rockers, richly finished mahogany, \$6.00 to \$20.00 each.  
Rockers, in golden oak circular back, \$14.00 each.  
Bedroom chairs, white and gold, cane seat, \$4.50 each.  
Dining room chairs, weathered oak, upholstered in Spanish leather, \$9.00, \$10.50, \$12.00 each.  
Arm chairs to match, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$15.00 each.  
Reception chairs, mahogany, finish and fibre seats, \$7.00 each.  
Rockers, mahogany finish and fibre seats, \$8.00, \$9.50 each.  
Dining chairs, solid oak, leather seat, \$10.00 each; arm chairs to match, \$6.00 each.  
Jardiniere stands, golden oak, \$2.25 to \$5.00 each.  
Jardiniere stands, Antwerp and weathered oak, \$5.00 to \$15.00 each.  
Jardiniere stands, mahogany and ormolu, \$5.00, \$5.50 each.  
Parlor suites, walnut, upholstered in tapestry, six pieces, \$45.00.  
Bed lounges in tapestry, \$22.50 each.  
Sofas, tapestry coverings, \$7.00, \$8.00 to \$12.00 each.  
Couches in velvet, tapestry, moquette, etc., \$16.00 to \$35.00 each.  
Buffets in weathered oak, from \$25.00.  
Buffets in quartered oak, from \$14.00.  
Sideboards in golden oak, from \$25.00.  
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